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in the WORLD**

**'SPARKS' OFF THE ROTARY WHEEL**

*An Award-Winning Newsletter*

**The Rotary Club of Altadena meets Thursdays at noon  
at the Altadena Town and Country Club**

**Rotary Club of Altadena - #772**

Chartered: February 14, 1949, P.O. Box 414, Altadena, CA 91003

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**THIS WEEK: NANCY DAVIDSON**

**Executive Director, THE FOUNDATION FOR LIVING BEAUTY**

*Educating, uplifting and empowering women with cancer*

**Altadena Town and Country Club, at noon**

Speaker Chair: Dr David Campbell



Nancy joined The Foundation for Living Beauty in 2016 after nearly three decades in nonprofit management. After graduating from the University of Redlands, Nancy started working in the corporate world, but quickly realized she had a passion for nonprofit work. She started her nonprofit career as the Executive Director of Escalon School, a nonpublic school for emotionally disturbed children in Altadena. Her next stop was as the E.D. for

Friends of CASA Los Angeles, supporting the work of Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers working with children in foster care.

After 12 years at the helm of CASA, Nancy left to start a nonprofit consulting firm so that she could spend more time focusing on the needs of her growing children. Eight years later, she has had the opportunity to work with a number of both large and small nonprofits, assisting them in fundraising, strategic planning, board development and event planning. Nancy is excited to bring her nonprofit experience and passion to Living Beauty. "Helping people and empowering others to change their lives is what brings me joy," Nancy said. "I am moved by the stories of the women at Living Beauty and by the dedication of the staff and volunteers."

Nancy and her husband Jim have two grown children – Courtney and Chris.



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**JULY 27, 2023**

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# LAST WEEK: MATHEW P. JOHN

## EXPLORING THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS

Speaker Chair: David Campbell

Program Review: Ed Jasnow



<https://www.ecsforseniors.org/montecedro/>



That has been the life's work of our speaker last week, Mathew John. Currently serving as the Senior Pastor at the Lake Avenue Church in Pasadena, Dr. John is a Canadian born in India. He was trained as an electrical engineer, but soon turned to theology as his calling. He has been at the Lake Avenue Church thirteen years, and was selected as Senior Pastor after a three year search.



*"Mathew P John has just the right spirit and content to speak to a culture often*

*confused or turned off by religion."*

**PHILIP YANCEY**

(Multiple Gold-Medallion Winning Author & Editor at Large, Christianity Today)

He described his home town of Kelara, which is at the southernmost tip of the triangle that is India. Three hundred years after the birth of Christ, Marco Polo visited Kelara and brought Christianity to the town. Christianity began to wane, but in 300 A.D., a new form of Christianity emerged as the Syrian Orthodox Church. Kerala is called "God's Own Country". The three major religions of Asia: Hinduism, Buddhism, and Sikhism are all represented there. There is even a small Jewish community represented, with a synagogue on the Main Street which is called Jew Street. They don't worship there because they can't get a minion, or quorum. Additionally, one of the world's oldest mosques is located in Kerala. Dr. John explained the unusual tradition of giving your wife and children your first name as their last name. So, while his last name is John, the last name of his wife and children is Mathew. Very confusing!

Dr. John believes that one of the Three Wise Men who were present at the birth of Christ in Bethlehem was from India. He looks at all religions to find kernels of truth. A very worthy undertaking, indeed!

Mathew is the author of *Film as Cultural Artifact: Religious Criticism of World Cinema* (Fortress, 2017) and *The Unknown God: A Journey with Jesus from East to West* (David C Cook 2020).



Club Guest Terry Andrus, representing Altadena Library, led the Pledge of Allegiance.



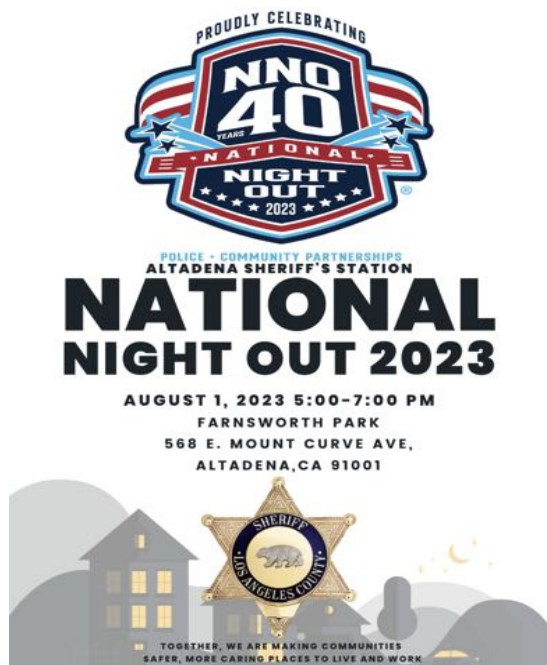
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# Law Enforcement's National Night Out

By Mark Mariscal



Altadena Rotary Club presented a check to the Altadena Sheriff Fund to help support some of the costs of the hot dogs and chips that will be given away during the upcoming National Night Out event. Pictured above are Mark Mariscal and Doug Colliflower with members of the Sheriff's Dept. On Tuesday, August 1st from 5-7 pm. at Farnsworth Park, the community is invited to attend the National Night Out Program coordinated by the Altadena Sheriff Station. There will be Community Booths and other information available for the public to learn about local services.



Mark and Maricela represented the club at the Community Resource Fair at Loma Alta Park. They handed out popsicles that were a big hit in the heat!

Altadena Rotary Club now has a QR code, to 'scan and pay' at events!



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**SUMMER CONCERT PHOTOS - The Fun Continues Next Sat!**

Presented by The Rotary Club of Altadena in Cooperation with LA County Parks & Recreation

# Concerts in the Park

## 26TH ANNUAL CONCERT SERIES 2023

All concerts are FREE and start at 7:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays at the Amphitheater at Farnsworth Park (568 East Mt. Curve Avenue, Altadena, CA 91001)

Saturday, July 8 <b>4 LADS FROM LIVERPOOL</b>	Saturday, July 29 <b>LOVE DOLLY - A DOLLY TRIBUTE SHOW</b>	Saturday, August 19 <b>LAS CHIKAS</b>
Saturday, July 15 <b>AILEEN QUINN AND THE LEAPIN' LIZARDS</b>	Saturday, August 5 <b>STRANGE DAYS: A TRIBUTE TO THE DOORS</b>	Saturday, August 26 <b>THE GERRY ROTHSCHILD BAND</b>
Saturday, July 22 <b>"MIGHTY LOVE"</b>	Saturday, August 12 <b>UPSTREAM</b>	Saturday, Sept. 9 <b>THE WHO EXPERIENCE</b>

Last concert presented by the Sheriff's Support Group of Altadena

To learn more about the Concerts in the Park, go to <http://www.altadenarotary.org>

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**COMING UP on SAT JULY 29..!**

# Love Dolly

Starring Kim Eberhardt

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Audiences say Love Dolly is:

**"Perfection!"** 

"An awesome show with heartfelt stories and toe-tapping songs!"




Charlie, Gina and Tyler Wilson at the concession stand



Captain Jabari Williams and Maggie from El Patron on the dance floor last Saturday

## International News



Sarah w/prosthetic hand recipient in Siem Reap Cambodia.

*Full story in next week's 'Sparks!'*